

quest for knowledge and for doing good by others.

Regardless of their own circumstances, the Trinity Catholic community, led by Father José Millan and Ms. Sandra L. Nokes, gives back to our community at times of Thanksgiving and Christmas year after year, and they have raised funds to help ensure our veterans could travel to Washington, DC to see the monuments dedicated to their sacrifice. This school teaches students not only to love thy neighbors, but to help them through difficult times. Through the generosity of the Schweitzers, and through Ms. Sandoval's belief in the power of education, Trinity Catholic will continue to thrive and change the lives of so many of our children.

Again, I applaud Father José, Ms. Nokes, and the entire Trinity Catholic community for their tireless dedication to bringing new opportunities to their students.

HONORING BISHOP C. NATHAN EDWERS

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions often play a major role in inspiring communities to provide comfort for its most vulnerable residents and to serve all of mankind. Religious leaders such as Bishop C. Nathan Edwers do more than say prayers—they offer a path to practice one's faith in the community through social justice.

Bishop Edwers first answered God's call to serve when he was a just a teenager, preaching his first sermon at age 16. Bishop Edwers has followed in the footsteps of his father, showing an exemplary level of commitment to lead on the frontlines of social justice. There can be no greater honor than serving your community and Bishop Edwers and his family should be commended for the generations of service they have provided.

Beginning in 1983, Bishop Edwers served at Calvary UFW Baptist Church. Since this time Bishop Edwers has responded to the call for further responsibility within the church community. Bishop Edwers was elected by members of the Middle Atlantic Annual Conference of the Unified Freewill Baptist Church to follow his father's path and succeed him as Presiding Bishop. It is clear that Bishop Edwers is motivated to serve the community through the love and support of his family, a trait he no doubt learned from his father.

Religious service often goes hand in hand with social justice, and Bishop Edwers is no exception. Bishop Edwers has led his congregation in confronting and responding to social injustices within the community. He has opened the doors of his church to house numerous community organizations, such as the BOCES Alternative Special Needs School. The Bishop continues to serve as a member and former Vice President of the United Black Clergy of Westchester and is the current President of the Mount Vernon, New York Civil Service Commission. He is also a former member of the Mount Vernon Hospital Advisory Board.

Bishop Edwers has built a legacy of continual social engagement and support. He em-

braces the challenges within the Mount Vernon community and inspires others to embody their religious values through practice. So long as Bishop Edwers recognizes social injustices, we can be certain he will not rest until he has reconciled such inequalities. The Bishop even has his sights set on bridging the gaps between communities around the world, through developing global community oriented projects.

His devotion to his congregation and to the community is more than admirable; it is inspiring. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Bishop Edwers' legacy and leadership. I want to thank the Bishop for all he has given in the name of service and I look forward to hearing about his continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM F. KILCUR

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, James F. Kilcur, 62, of West Chester, Pennsylvania died Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Born in Northeast Philadelphia, Jim was a proud Philadelphia native and pillar of his community.

Jim was a labor lawyer admired for his trusted counsel and respected by all for his ability to broker a deal. Jim stood out at Saul Ewing LLP, as partner, and at South Eastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority or SEPTA, as General Counsel for nearly a decade. Then, just as now, everyone knew Jim.

I had the pleasure to work with Jim during his time at SEPTA. Jim was a confident, intelligent man, and while tolerant of others positions, was steadfast in his own. He was decisive, and there was no waffling or ambiguity in his thinking.

Jim was chairman of the board of trustees of his alma mater, DeSales University in Center Valley and proud alumni of Cardinal Dougherty High School.

Last week I attended the Transportation Management Association of Chester County for their annual legislative breakfast. At breakfast, the Transportation Management Association of Chester County posthumously named Jim as Executive Director Emeritus. I cannot think of someone more deserving of this distinction than Jim and I join the Transportation Management Association of Chester County in honoring Jim's service.

I would like to commend Jim on his devoted service to the Catholic Church, impressive career history, and life of love and caring concern for his family especially his wife Maria Theresa; three sons, James Francis III, wife Kristen and granddaughter Annabel Katherine; Patrick and fiancé Julie; and Matthew.

Let me end by suggesting we remember that Jim left us too soon. But we know—because this was Jim—he left a lasting legacy. Jim's spirit, and example of a good life, well lived, helping others, will always be with us.

REGARDING THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Capitol Hill Ocean Week to highlight the importance of oceans to our country and to my state of California.

Important industries in California rely on a healthy ocean ecosystem. In California alone, more than 145,000 jobs are supported by the commercial and recreational fishing industry, which generate more than \$25 billion in sales annually.

Proper management is critical to ensuring the survival and success of these industries, and the Magnuson-Stevens Act plays an important role in conserving and managing our fishery resources.

Unfortunately, the current legislation to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, H.R. 4742, rolls back key conservation provisions that have been working to increase fish populations and improve our coastal communities. Further, this bill does nothing to address the emerging challenges facing our fisheries.

I join my colleagues in urging the House to pursue a reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that is based on the best available science, builds on the progress that we have already made, and will preserve the health of our oceans and fisheries for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Small Business Administration's Annual Awards Luncheon. Each year, the Maine District Office of the Small Business Administration recognizes businesses and business leaders who make significant contributions to the business environment and economy of our region.

This year's award recipients include: Alan Spear and Mary Allen Lindeman of Coffee By Design, recipients of the Maine Small Business Persons of the Year Award; Brian and Kimberly Plavnick of G-Force Laser Tag Corp., recipients of the Maine Micro-Enterprise of the Year Award; Cyndi Price of LooHoo LLC, the Home-Based Small Business Champion for Maine and New England; Mitch and Ray DeBlois of DeBlois Electric, Inc., recipients of the Jeffrey Butland Award; Terry Trickey of Bangor Savings Bank, the Financial Services Champion; Peter McVety of McVety's Hearth and Home, the Maine Veteran Small Business Champion; Amy Bouchard of Isamax Snacks, Inc., the Maine Woman in Business Champion; Joshua Davis and Bruno Tropeano of Gelato Fiasco, the Young Entrepreneurs of the Year for Maine and New England; and Eric J. Smith of EJ Drywall, the Region 1 Prime Contractor of the Year.

The following businesses are also recognized for receiving District Director Awards for

Fiscal Year 2013: Bangor Savings Bank, Overall Top Performing SBA lender; Katahdin Trust Company, Top 7(a) Dollar Volume Lender; People's United Bank, Top Performing 3rd Party Lender; Granite State Economic Development Corp., Top Performing 504 Lender; NorState Federal Credit Union, Top Performing Credit Union; CEI, Top Performing Microlender; and Eastern Maine Development Corp., Top Community Advantage Lender.

These recipients are among the best that Maine and New England have to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities, Maine and New England are better places in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the honorees of the Small Business Administration's Annual Awards Luncheon on their outstanding service and achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING DIA DE PORTUGAL

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. VALADAO of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN of California, and Mr. HONDA of California to recognize Dia de Portugal. On this day, we celebrate the heritage of the Portuguese people and underscore the importance of the strong relationship between the United States and Portugal.

From California to Massachusetts and Rhode Island to Hawaii, Portuguese Americans have made positive contributions to our communities for many years. According to the U.S. Census, more than one million individuals living in the United States are of Portuguese ancestry. These vibrant Portuguese communities are a reflection of the ties that bind our two nations.

Since the founding of our nation, the United States has had few allies as reliable as Portugal, which was among the first countries to recognize the United States following the Revolutionary War. The oldest continuously operating U.S. Consulate in the world is located in Ponta Delgada on the island of Sao Miguel in the Azores. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry recently said, "The strong partnership between our two countries is more vital than ever." We wholeheartedly agree.

Mr. Speaker, on this Dia de Portugal, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the economic, cultural, and security relationship between Portugal and the United States, and we join with the people of Portugal and our Portuguese American constituents in wishing everyone a joyous Dia de Portugal.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "BUSINESS SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY ON TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY ACT OF 2014"

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce bipar-

tisan legislation along with my colleagues on the Human Trafficking Caucus, Rep. CHRIS SMITH.

Very few Americans are aware that many of the goods they use everyday are tainted by human trafficking or the worst forms of child labor. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's 2012 List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor, 134 goods from 74 countries were made by forced and child labor. This bill will increase transparency in supply chains in order to remove slavery from business operations and products.

The Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act doesn't tell businesses what to do, but rather to tell consumers what they are doing to end human slavery.

This bill will give consumers the tools they need to know where and how their goods are being made. While there are good actors, there are businesses operating in parts of the world that rely on enslaved humans to produce their products. We believe American consumers have a right to know who these companies are.

This legislation creates a market-based solution rather than relying on prescriptive action by the federal government. Large global companies already reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) simply need to include what they are doing to rid their supply chains of human slavery. This information will then be posted on the company, SEC, and Department of Labor (DOL) websites for easy public access. Consumers will be able to research a company and determine their purchasing decisions based on the information provided. Very simply, this bill creates competition to improve practices to end slavery by providing the public with information about what companies are doing to address slavery.

Human trafficking is the 21st century slavery. It is estimated that over 20 million people are working in some form of forced labor worldwide. We must use every tool available to help men, women, and children around the world who fall victim to the scourge of human trafficking, forced labor, and the worst forms of child labor.

#### HONORING MARTI MICHAEL

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Riverdale YM-YWHA is fortunate to have had Marti Michael at its helm. Deeply rooted in Jewish culture, the Riverdale Y is open to all within the community and promotes an environment of inclusion and diversity.

Marti's involvement with the Riverdale Y started long before she became its Executive Director and even before the first bricks were laid. While working at UJA-Federation in the early 1980s, Marti worked with the Riverdale community to raise the necessary capital to build the Y.

Marti has worked for the Riverdale Y for 28 years, and since taking the helm as Executive Director, she oversees a thriving community center that offers athletic, artistic and enrichment for children, adults and seniors. The Riverdale Y also offers after-school programs at

PS24 and Kinneret, and Marti wants to expand that scope even farther.

The Riverdale Rising Stars' Broadway Gala will honor Marti for all that she has done at the Riverdale Y, particularly her dedication to the performing arts. There is something magical about the theater. Audiences become enraptured by the performances as actors make their characters come to life.

Children and teens who participate in theater programs through the Riverdale Y grow too. Marti enjoys watching once-shy children and timid teens develop greater confidence in themselves. There is indeed magic in the theater and all that Marti does to encourage our youth to flourish.

Her devotion to the Riverdale Y and the greater community is inspiring. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Marti Michael's leadership and achievements. We are saddened that she is leaving but I wanted this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done and continues to do in our beloved community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 277. I meant to vote "aye" on the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 4745 to increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program (HOPWA) by \$29.1 million. HOPWA is a program that I have supported throughout my tenure in Congress. HOPWA provides much needed housing assistance to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS in my Congressional District and throughout the Country. I will continue to work with my colleagues as this bill moves through the Senate and onto the Conference process to advocate for increased funding for HOPWA.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. BYRON PIGG

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Byron Pigg who is retiring from the position of Public Safety Director with the East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District.

Mr. Pigg is retiring after 33 years and 10 months of service. Prior to his service as a full-time employee, Byron served as a volunteer firefighter. He served as fire chief for 25 years of his full-time employment.

During his tenure as fire chief, Byron worked to significantly upgrade the fire department. In 2005, he oversaw the construction of a new headquarters fire station. He received over \$1 million in grant money to help improve the fire department. He also has served in numerous local, regional and statewide organizations.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Mr. Pigg's retirement and wish him the very best.